

THE ODDFELLOWS WAR MEMORIAL

5 Maryport Street, Devizes

WWI



The names of 29 members of the Oddfellows Society are inscribed on the above memorial all of whom gave their lives for King and Country during WWI.

Below are short biographies of those brave souls.

ARCHARD, HERBERT ERNEST - Private 6892 - 70th Company, Machine Gun Corps - Died 29th March 1916 - Age 24 - Born in Bradford on Avon; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Resident of Calne - Son of Albert E. and Sarah A. Archard of Calne - Buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi, Pas de Calais, France; Grave/Memorial Reference - I. C. 14

ASHLEY, ALFRED - Sergeant 204225 - 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 23rd March 1918 - Born in Easterton; Enlisted at Devizes; Resident of Devizes - Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Bay 7

AXFORD, W. V. - Private 12482 - 5th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 25th January 1917 - Buried at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq - Grave/Memorial Reference - XVIII. E. 11

BURNETT, REGINALD H. - Private 19648 - 9th Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) - Died 7th May 1917 of wounds - Age 26 - Born in Easterton; Enlisted in Devizes; Son of Henry and Beatrice Burnett of the Post Office, Easterton; Reginald also served as Private 94531, Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery - Buried at Niederzwehren Cemetery, Hessen, Germany - Grave/Memorial Reference - IX. E. 11.

BUTLER, REGINALD ALBERT - Rifleman 315215 - London Regiment, Rifle Brigade posted to 2nd/11th Battalion London Regiment - Died 16th August 1917 - Age 25 - Born in Chippenham; Enlisted at Paddingington, London. Middlesex; Resident of Mayfair, London, Middlesex; Son of George and Maria Butler of Foghamshire, Chippenham - Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 52 and 54

CARTER, ROBERT WILLIAM - Private 38981 - 2nd/6th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers - Died 10th July 1917 - Born in Chippenham; Enlisted at Chippenham - Buried at Coxyde Military Cemetery, Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. E. 22.

DOBSON, WILLIAM THOMAS - Sapper 204154- 490 Field Company, Royal Engineers - Died 9th June 1916 of wounds - Age 37 - Born in Marlborough; Enlisted in Marlborough; Son of Thomas and Rebecca Dobson; Husband of Helen Dobson of 11 Hyde Lane, Marlborough - Buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - XVII F. 9.

EDWARDS, ROBERT HERBERT HENRY - Private 68831 - 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment - died 31st May 1918 - Age 19 - Born in Urchfont; Enlisted at Devizes; son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edwards, The Smithy, Urchfont - Commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, Aisne, France

HATTER, ALFRED CHARLES - Private 59320 - Depot. Northumberland Fusiliers - Died 2nd August 1918 - Age 24 - Born in Great Bedwyn; Enlisted Pewsey; Son of George and Alice Hatter of Great Bedwyn; Husband of Emily Hatter of Southcott Road, Pewsey - Buried in Great Bedwyn (St. Mary) Churchyard, Great Bedwyn - Grave/Memorial Reference - 487

HELPS, EDWIN - Rifleman 5619 - 8th Battalion London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) - Died 15th December 1916 - Age 38 - Born in Rowde; Enlisted at Swindon; Resident of Wootton Bassett; Husband of Mrs. Edith Helps of 2 Manor Cottage, Kington Langley - Buried at Wood Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - VI. A. 1.

HILLIER, CHARLES WILLIAM - Lance Corporal 7604 - D Company, 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment - Died 19th September 1914 - Age 32 - Born in Calne; Enlisted at Maidenhead, Berkshire; Resident of Reading, Berkshire; Son of the late Henry and Sarah Hillier of Yatesbury; Husband of the late Ada Phoebe Hillier - Commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

HUTCHINS/HUTCHINGS, HENRY - Private 1809 - C. Company, 2/4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 6th April 1916 - Age 22 - Born in Preshute; Enlisted at Marlborough; Resident of Marlborough; Son of Mr. Edward. and Mrs. Sarah A. Hutchins of 2 Tan Yard, London Road, Marlborough; brother of William Edward Hutchins who also gave his life for his country - Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 30 and 64.

HUTCHINS/HUTCHINGS, WILLIAM EDWARD - Private 200685 - D. Company, 1/4th (TF) Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment - Died 10th April 1918 - Age 26 - Born in Marlborough; Enlisted at Durrington; Resident of Marlborough; Son of Edward and Sarah a. Hutchins of 2 Tan Yard, London Road, Marlborough; Brother of Henry Hutchins who also gave his life for his country - Buried at Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel - Grave/Memorial Reference - R75

KIMBER/KIMMER, JAMES - Private 241883 - 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment - Died 22nd December 1917 - Age 33 - Born in Lockeridge; Enlisted at Marlborough; Son of George and Jane Kimmer Of Lockeridge; Husband of Mrs. E. Kimmer of Overton - Buried at Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Grave II. D. 16

MARCHANT, ARTHUR HENRY - Lance Corporal 306279 - 2/7th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Died 5th December 1917 - Born in Marlborough; Enlisted in Marlborough - Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France

MILLARD, GEORGE - Private 10350 - 2nd Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) - Died 24th March 1918 - Age 29 - Born in Chippenham; Enlisted at Devizes; Resident of Chippenham; Son of Mrs. E. B. Jones of 31 Timber Street, Chippenham - Buried at Guise (La Desolation) French National Cemetery, Flavigny-Le-Petit, Aisne, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - Allied Section. 1155.

NEATE, ROBERT JOHN - Lance Corporal 201042 - 1/4th (TF) Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment - Died 13th November 1917 - Enlisted at Durrington; Resident of Marlborough; Son of George and Susannah Neate of 2 South View Place, Marlborough - Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 44

PAINTER, RAYMOND CHARLES - Private 28030 - 13th Battalion Essex Regiment - Died 27th June 1917 - Born in Wootton Bassett; Enlisted at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire; Resident of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire; Son of Mrs. Mary E. Painter of 84 Wood Road, Wootton Bassett - Buried at Gorre British and Indian Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - IV. C. 7.

PECK, CHARLES (CHARLEY) - Private 18579 - 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 5th May 1918 - Age 25 - Born in Axford; Enlisted at Devizes; Resident of Axford; Son of George and Elizabeth peck of Stone Lane, Axford, Marlborough - Buried at Mendlinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - X. D. 26.

POTTER, JOHN - Private M2/182123 - Mechanical Transport attached to "O" Anti-Aircraft Battery, Army Service Corps - Died 7th September 1918 - Age 40 - Born in Market Lavington; Enlisted at Cirencester, Gloucestershire; Resident of Devizes; Son of William and Elizabeth Potter of Market Lavington; Husband of Edith Mary Potter of 1 Phoenix Place, Devizes - Buried at Favreuil British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - I. F. 38.

RICKETTS, ARTHUR JOSEPH - Private 10030 - 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment - Died 12th March 1915 - Age 22 - Born in London; Enlisted at Trowbridge; Resident of Bradford on Avon; Son of Albert Edward and Charlotte Ricketts of Avoncliff Bungalow, Upper Westwood, Bradford on Avon - Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Vest-Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 53

SELF, ALFRED GEORGE - Rifleman 50049 - Rifle Brigade posted to 2/10th Battalion London Regiment - Died 10th January 1919 of wounds - Born in Seend; Enlisted at Chippenham; Resident of Lacock; Son of William and Rebecca Annie Self of White Hall Farm, Lacock - Buried at Lacock Cemetery, Lacock - Grave/Memorial Reference - South West 74

SMITH, JAMES PERCY - Private 33181 - 8th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry - Died 28th December 1917 - Age 37 - Born in Devizes; Enlisted at Devizes; Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Devizes; Husband of Louisa Smith of 3 Bath Road, Devizes - Buried at Outtersteene Communal Cemetery Extension, Bailleul, Nord, France - Grave/Memorial Reference - II. D. 64.

WILLIS, ROBERT - Private 306694 - 1st/8th Territorial Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Died 4th October 1917- Age 39 - Born in Urchfont; Enlisted at Devizes; Resident of Urchfont; Son of James and Jane Willis of Peppercumbe, Urchfont - Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderen, Belgium - Grave/Memorial Reference - Panel 23-28 and 163A